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1. SEPTEMBER 8 NEW YORK TIMES CARRIES FRONT PAGE ARTICLE THAT US HAS STOPPED SHIPMENTS OF ENRICHED URANIUM TO TARA-PUR. STORY ALSO SAYS THAT INDIANS HAVE BEEN UNWILLING PROVIDE FLAT ASSURANCE THAT MATERIAL SUPPLIED TARAPUR WOULD NOT BE USED IN PNE'S.

2. IN RESPONSE TO PRESS QUERIES, DEPARTMENT SAID THAT STORY IS INACCURATE IN STATING SHIPMENTS HAD BEEN STOPPED, NOTING THAT MID-JUNE SHIPMENT WENT FORWARD AND NEXT NOT SCHEDULED
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UNTIL MID-OCTOBER. DEPARTMENT ADDED THAT WE HAVE BEEN

DISCUSSING WITH INDIANS USES TO WHICH MATERIAL US SUPPLIED FOR TARAPUR COULD BE PUT AND ARE OPTIMISTIC THAT MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY FORMULA WILL BE WORKED OUT. (INDIAN EMBASSY DCM GONSALVES TOLD US THEY HAVE TAKEN SIMILAR PRESS LINE AND HAVE URGED DELHI TO AVOID OVERREACTING.)

3. ON BACKGROUND IF PRESSED, DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN WAS ALSO PREPARED TO SAY THAT ACCORDING TO FORMULA US WOULD HAVE VETO RIGHT ON ANY USE OF FUEL EXCEPT FOR TARAPUR, AND THAT IN LINE WITH LONGSTANDING US POLICY WE WOULD NOT APPROVE USE FOR PNE'S. KISSINGER

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